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 Know someone who needs a prayer, or maybe you need a prayer? Call the **St. Canice Prayer Lines** - Margie Wagner at 273-4397 or Patti Favetti at 432-0665. We're praying for you!

**St. Canice Catholic Church**  
**September 3, 2023**  
**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Alleluia, alleluia.**  
 May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
 For the **Men's Guild**  
**LUAU**  
 OCTOBER 1st  
 Tickets will be on sale starting next weekend and will be \$15 for adults and \$7 for children 5-11.

All weekday Masses at St. Canice Church from Wednesday, September 6th to Thursday, October 12th are cancelled.  
 Father Estrella will be away from Sep 6th to Sep 26th on a personal pilgrimage and Father Jossy will be on vacation from Sep 11th to Oct 12th. Please pray for them to have safe trips and return safely.  
**Weekday morning Masses @ 8:30 am at St. Patrick's Church will continue during this time!**

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**Mass Schedule**  
 Weekday (M-F) 7:30 AM  
 Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM  
 Sunday 9:00 AM  
 Immaculate Conception Church 11:30 AM

**Mass Live-Stream**  
 Sunday 11:00 AM from St. Patrick Church

**Confession**  
 Friday 8:00 AM  
 Saturday 4:00 PM (or by appt)

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
 Fri 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

**Rosary**  
 Wednesday 8:00 AM

LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
Date	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sep 9-10, 2023				
Sat @ 5:30 pm	Jeff Hebert	Aidynn Salter	Kevin Foley	Patti Favetti, Judy McBride, Christine Strohm
Sun @ 9:00 am	Jake Dabis Steve Baker		Bob Glaeser	Lillian Glaeser & Karen McDonald

✠ ALTAR LINENS ✠	
Thank you Ladies Guild!	
Sep 3rd & Sep 10th	Judy Steffens
Sp 17th and 24th	Tess Andrews

Our Mission, as the Parish of Saint Canice Catholic Church, is to proclaim the teaching and wisdom of Jesus Christ throughout our entire Community, by our life and participation in the Sacraments and Traditions of His Holy Catholic Church.

Dear Family,

Monday of last week our seminarians started a new year of formation with the Mass of the Holy Spirit. The first day back at the seminary wasn't a day of classes but the day with this Mass, an address from the Rector, a lecture by a professor and then a great BBQ out on the quad. In between all of this was unpacking, visiting, buying books and all the other preparation for a new school year. I'm nearly out of the seminary as many years as I was in it and the Mass of the Holy Spirit remains one of my favorite memories. The reunion of classmates and friends, the exhortation to be dedicated to our prayers, studies and formation were both welcomed and familiar. There was a priest whose address I could deliver by heart! It was a day well spent as we were able to enter into the swing of studies with ease on Tuesday.

I have always said a Mass of the Holy Spirit for the parish school as well, both here and in Sacramento. This beautiful tradition reminds us that we learn for a reason greater than knowledge; learning shapes and forms the whole person and should lead us to know and love God more. The rhythm of parish life reflects the academic calendar, the civic calendar and, of course, the liturgical calendar and so this opportunity gives me a chance to invite the grace of the Holy Spirit in the next year of ministry and to guide my discernment and leadership of the parish. While it's been a few weeks since we had this Mass for MSM we always can (and should) invite the Holy Spirit into the events and plans of our life.

The start of the new school year at the seminary also gives us a chance to pray for our seminarians and those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. The need for more priests only grows stronger. While I find great joy and fulfillment in being a priest, I also remember the fear and worry over the seemingly great sacrifice being a priest required in those early years of discernment and seminary. Our society is increasingly self-centered and so responding to a call to the religious life or priesthood is harder and harder. We must pray for those whom God calls.

As has often been said, the vocations crisis isn't because God no longer calls men to the priesthood but because fewer and fewer are listening and responding. Our prayers make the difference! I remember once in my second year of seminary; I was prepared to quit and when I checked my mail I found some cookies from a family in my parish (one of whose sons is now a seminarian) and a note thanking and encouraging me. A small but meaningful gesture that caused me to refocus. In our vestibule is the vocations poster, perhaps part of your prayer for vocations is to spiritually adopt a seminarian and even send him a note or some cookies. You could be the difference his vocation needs.

Your Father in Christ,

Father Estrella

### September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Please consider praying for someone known or unknown to you who is tempted or being pressured to end their own life.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I call upon you today to fill (name) with hope, to heal their broken heart and provide consolation and grace needed to resist any pressure or temptation to end their own life. I pray this with great confidence in your love and mercy. Amen

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

#### Our Return to God

Last week Reg collection \$5,680

#### Upcoming Collections

Sep 3 No 2nd Collection  
Sep 10 Priest's Retirement  
Sep 17 School of Religion



Thanks for Your Support!

### Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon, 9/4	1 Thes 4:13-18	Lk 4:16-30 (431)
Tues, 9/5	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11	Lk 4:31-37 (432)
Wed, 9/6	Col 1:1-8	Lk 4:38-44 (433)
Thurs, 9/7	Col 1:9-14	Lk 5:1-11 (434)
Fri, 9/8	Mi 5:1-4a	Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 (636)
Sat, 9/9	Col 1:21-23	Lk 6:1-5 (436)
Sun, 9/10	Ez 33:7-9	Mt 18:15-20 (127)
	Rom 13:8-10	

### STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

*"Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor" (Ecclesiastes 4:9)*

Last week, Fr Estrella's pastor's pondering formally welcomed St. Canice into the Stewardship way of life. As Fr Estrella indicated, the Stewardship council hosted their annual Leadership Gathering, where ministry leaders were afforded the opportunity to gather in fellowship and listen to Fr Estrella share his vision for stewardship in both of our parishes. It was a terrific event. It was a joyful evening and a delight to welcome St Canice to Stewardship. The evening concluded with Small Group sharing as we listened about each of our ministry activities, vision, and future goals. Welcome St Canice. We look forward to sharing with you the many blessings and promises the Stewardship way of life has to offer.

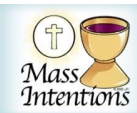
### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Loving God, we come to you with hearts of gratitude and thanksgiving, knowing that all that we are, and all that we have our gifts from you. Speak your words into the depths of our souls, that we may hear you clearly. Give us the wisdom and the insight to understand your will for us and the fervor to fulfill your plans for your Kingdom. We offer our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to you as a true act of faith and trust, to reflect our love for you and our neighbor, and an expression of our gratitude for the many gifts you have given each of us. Amen



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### Mass Intentions



Mon. 09/04/23	7:30 am	No Intentions
Tues. 09/05/23	7:30 am	No Intentions
Wed. 09/06/23	7:30 am	No Intentions
Thurs. 09/07/23	7:30 am	No Intentions
Fri. 09/08/23	7:30 am	No Intentions
Sat. 09/09/23	5:30 pm	St. Canice Religious Education (SI)
Sun. 09/10/23	9:00 am	Thomas Jull (SI)

### CULTURE OF LIFE

The pro-life diaper company *EveryLife* released an ad which celebrates every baby as a miracle from God. They claim that as many companies promote what is wrong, they choose to celebrate what is right by affirming that every baby deserves to be loved, protected and supported. Their ad shows images of a mother seeing her baby's heartbeat during an ultrasound and another receiving her baby in her arms for the first time.

While envisioning an end to human trafficking many Catholic organizations have boots on the ground working to prevent it, aiding survivors and raising awareness of this world-wide crisis. A few include: U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking; The Coalition of Catholic Organizations Against Human Trafficking; the USCCB; Caritas Internationalis; Dignity House (Catholic Charities).

Close to home the Notes of Hope project provides a message of hope and love to those who contemplate taking their own lives at the Foresthill Bridge in Auburn. Community members write positive life affirming notes which are laminated and then attached to the railing on the bridge. According to Brittany Hendricks, the project originator, 13 lives have been saved. **St. Patrick and St. Canice Culture of Life Ministry will be asking parishioners to help write Notes of Hope. Please watch for more information in the coming weeks.**

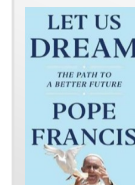
Mental health and suicide prevention organizations launched the quick-dial 24/7 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 988 where people can get help, support and treatment they need. Using 988 rather than 911 connects the caller with a trained mental health professional. Now that



you know, can you help make others aware of this new suicide prevention tool?

### Another Exciting Book Club Gathering

Monday, September 25, 2023. All Parishioners are invited to a meeting of the St. Patrick and St. Canice Book Club on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 1:30 P. M. in the Small Hall. We will be discussing Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future, by Pope Francis. The discussion, which will last about an hour and a half, will be led by Michael Moreland. The book is available at your favorite book store or online. In addition to stimulating conversation, coffee, tea, and cookies will be served.



### Reflecting on the Gospel



The sacred Triduum celebrations are likely far from our thoughts as we glory in the joys of summer. The Easter baskets are tucked away in the attic. The palms lay discreetly on our mantels. Our shift of focus makes sense. It is Ordinary Time after all the church declares it so. And yet, the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ anchors the Christian story year round. We are always Easter people, called each day to take up our crosses and follow Jesus. Today's gospel begins with the Triduum reminder or at the time, the Triduum foreshadowing. Jesus knew the suffering, death, and resurrection that awaited him. He kept these moments always before his eyes. Formed in Christ's image, we are called to do the same.

In today's gospel, Peter displays the misdirected confidence that can be all too prevalent in faith circles. Jesus gives Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven and declares Peter the rock upon which he will build the church. In the very next passage, Peter takes matters into his own hands and rebukes Jesus. Peter thinks he has the authority to decide what Jesus should or should not do, who Jesus should or should not be.

How often do we claim that same authority, declaring with mistaken confidence Jesus's intentions and actions that fit our image of the Lord? In reality, Jesus is far more radical than we may care to admit. He is far more loving, generous, and merciful than we may dare to imagine. Rather than rebuking Jesus, we are called to follow in his footsteps, to take up our crosses and find life in Christ.

### Return of the Annual Family Movie Night

Join your fellow parishioners for a dinner and a movie!

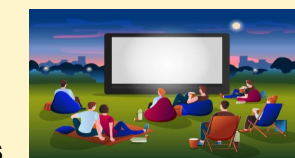
When: September 9 at 6:30 PM

Where: St. Canice Rectory Patio

Feat: Indiana Jones and Raiders of the Lost Ark

What to bring:

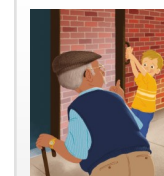
- Potluck salads welcomed
- Bring chair or blanket



Please RSVP with Kate Higgins  
(530) 477-5878

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### THE OPENING DOORS MINISTRY



The Opening Doors Ministry will soon begin a new season of classes, and will continue until May 2024, breaking for the summer. We are a faith formation and Sacramental program for adults who have special needs or developmental disabilities. Our focus is always on God's love shown to us through stories from the Bible, through the Sacraments, music, prayer and through the lives of the saints. Our doors are always open to both Catholics and non-Catholics. We meet on Sundays, 10-11am, beginning on Sept 24th. For more information, or if you would like to join us, please contact Helen Albano, (530)210-1721.